

- w. Adopt Commendation for Betsy Bechtel as she receives a Tall Tree Outstanding Citizen Volunteer Award. (Simitian)  
(ID# 24-5493)

**WHEREAS,** Betsy Bechtel is receiving the 2024 Tall Tree “Outstanding Citizen Volunteer” Award, an award that annually honors individuals exemplifying outstanding service to the Palo Alto community;

**WHEREAS,** Betsy served on the Palo Alto City Council from 1980 to 1989, during which she served as Mayor in 1983 and Vice-Mayor in 1982 and 1989;

**WHEREAS,** Betsy served on the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Directors between 2003 and 2016, during which she served as Vice-President and President, and served on the Board of Directors of the Foothill-De Anza Foundation, during which she was chair of two district measures that raised millions for campus developments;

**WHEREAS,** Betsy has volunteered in leadership roles on the boards of numerous local organizations, including the Committee for Green Foothills, YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula, the Palo Alto and Los Altos Chambers of Commerce, and the Palo Alto chapter of the League of Women Voters, has served as President of the Rotary Club of Palo Alto, and in 1992 was awarded the first Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce Athena Award and a national Athena Award in recognition of her service and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** Betsy has been an active and dedicated volunteer and leader in the community for decades, and a trailblazer and inspiration to generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby honor and commend

## ***Betsy Bechtel***

in honor of her outstanding service to the community and receipt of the 2024 Tall Tree “Outstanding Citizen Volunteer” Award.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED,** by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

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Susan Ellenberg  
President, Board of Supervisors

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Sylvia Arenas  
Supervisor, District One

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Cindy Chavez  
Supervisor, District Two

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Otto Lee  
Supervisor, District Three

Approved as to form and legality:

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S. Joseph Simitian  
Supervisor, District Five

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Attest: Curtis Boone  
Acting Clerk, Board of Supervisors

  
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Tony LoPresti  
County Counsel

County of Santa Clara  
Supervisorial District Five



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**DATE:** April 16, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** S. Joseph Simitian, Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** Betsy Bechtel Tall Tree Outstanding Citizen Volunteer Award

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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Adopted: 04/16/2024